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MS. KELLI OBERLIN
COMPLIANCE ADMINISTRATOR
SPARTAN CHASSIS, INC.
1165 REYNOLDS ROAD
CHARLOTTE, MI 48813

NVS-215kjs
05V-063

Subject: CUMMINS/ENGINE STALLING

Dear MS. OBERLIN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

CUMMINS/ISB /9999
SPARTAN/BV/1999
SPARTAN/CV/1999
SPARTAN/SB/1999
SPARTAN/SBFE/1999-2000
SPARTAN/SBFE-2142/1999-2000
SPARTAN/SCHOOL BUS/1999
SPARTAN/SP/1999-2000
SPARTAN/TB2242/1998

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-063

Recall Date: February 25, 2005

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, DIESEL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 84

Summary:

CERTAIN SPARTAN MY 1998-2000 SCHOOL AND SPECIALTY BUSES EQUIPPED WITH CUMMINS ISB DIESEL ENGINES. THE FUEL PUMP COULD FAIL TO TRANSFER FUEL APPROPRIATELY CREATING AN ENGINE STALL CONDITION.

Consequence:

SHOULD THE ENGINE STALL WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN USE, A POSSIBLE VEHICLE CRASH COULD OCCUR.

Remedy:

CUSTOMERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY CUMMINS TO BRING THEIR VEHICLES IN TO AN AUTHORIZED DEALER TO HAVE THE REMEDY DONE FREE OF CHARGE.

As stated in your report, we understand that Cummins will be conducting this safety recall. However, since Spartan is responsible for the defect/noncompliance in accordance with 49 CFR §573.5, please be advised that if Cummins' safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency will require Spartan to conduct a follow-up notification.

Your contact for this recall will be KELLY SCHULER, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV.

Sincerely,



for George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of defects Investigation
Enforcement